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1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED OUR PERSONNEL RESOURCES IN LIGHT OF ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD IMPOSED BY REF (A) AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, PROVIDED OUR CURRENT PERSONNEL RESOURCES REMAIN CONSTANT AND OVERALL CONSULAR WORKLOAD DOES NOT INCREASE APPRECIABLY, WE CAN OPERATE FOR THE TIME BEING WITHOUT ADDITIONAL STAFFING. WE PROPOSE TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES OUTLINED REF (A) BY REALIGNING FUNCTIONS AND INCREASING INDIVIDUAL WORKLOADS WITHIN CONSULAR SECTION AND BY MAXIMIZING USE OF WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, OUR OVERALL CONSULAR WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY DURING THE PAST YEAR (E.G. NIV CASES IN FY 1976 WERE UP 28 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR AND PPT/CIT CASES INCREASED BY 25 PERCENT) AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT WE CAN EXPECT FURTHER INCREASES IN FY 77 (FYI-NUMBER OF U.S. CITIZENS RESIDING IN BAVAIRAN NOW TOTALS 165,000 AND APPROXIMATELY 438,000 U.S. TOURISTS VISIT STATE EACH YEAR).

2. AS REGARDS USE OF RESOURCCES OTHER THAN PERSONNEL TO FULFILL REQUIREMENT OF MONTHLY PRISON VISITS, OUR ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT, GIVEN OUR SOMEWHAT FAR-FLUNG CONSULAR DISTRICT,
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IT WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO USG IN THE LONG RUN FOR THE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR PRISON VISITS TO USE A SELF-DRIVE OFFICIAL VEHICLE RATHER THAN TRAINS AND TAXIS. OUR PRESENT EHICULAR RESOURCES, HOWEVER, ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL DEMAND OF ASSIGNING ONE VEHICLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 WORKDAYS PER MONTH TO THE PRISON OFFICER. OF THREE SEDANS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THIS POST, ONE IS DESIGNATED FOR PRIMARY

USE BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER, WHO HAS HEAVY REPRESENTATONAL
SCHEDULE. OTHER TWO ARE IN CONSTANT USE IN SUPPORT OF OTHER
SECTIONS, E. G. FREQUENT TRIPS WITHIN BAVAIRA BY ECONOMIC/
COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL OFFICERS, SUPPORT OF OTHER AGENCIES
AND OFFICIAL VISITORS. IN ADDITION TO FULL UTILIZATION OF
SEDANS, WE MAKE USE OF TAXIS AND POV WHENEVER PRACTICABLE.
WE BELIEVE THE ADDITION OF A COMPACT SEDAN, WHICH WOULD BE
DESIGNATED FOR PRIMARY USE OF PRISON OFFICER, IS BEST SOLUTION
AND REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS
PROPOSAL.BETTS

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